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FOR ATHERTON FROM MCCLOSKEY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR)

SUBJECT: CAMP-DAVID FOLLOW-UP: ATHERTON TRIP

1. I NOTE THAT YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO MAKE A REFUELING STOP IN ATHENS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, ENROUTE TO TUNIS FROM CAIRO. ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT WROTE TO PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS ABOUT THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT AND THE GREEK DCM WAS AT YOUR BRIEFINGS FOR NATO AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK, THE MFA HERE HAS INDICATED ITS DESIRE FOR A FURTHER BRIEFING IN VIEW OF GREECE'S GREAT INTEREST IN MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS (ATHENS 8305 NOTAL).

2. WE HAD HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE SUCH A BRIEFING WHILE THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER AND SOME OF HIS SENIOR ADVISERS WERE IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK, BUT APPARENTLY IT WAS NOT. MEANWHILE, OF COURSE, THE GREEKS NOTICED THAT YOU STOPPED IN ANKARA TO BRIEF THE GOT AS PART OF YOUR CURRENT TRIP.

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3. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO ME HERE, AND TO OUR INTERESTS IN GREECE AT THIS TIME WHEN WE ARE MAKING AN EFFORT TO BROADEN AND STRENGTHEN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO MET WITH A SENIOR GOG OFFICIAL AT THE AIRPORT DURING YOUR REFUELING STOP AND BRIEF HIM ON CAMP DAVID AND AFTER. (THE ONE HOUR SCHEDULED FOR THE STOP,OR POSSIBLY A LITTLE LONGER, SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TIME.) IF YOU ARE AGREEABLE, WE WOULD

OFFER THE BRIEFING TO AMBASSADOR MOLYVIATIS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE (KARAMANLIS' CLOSEST ADVISER ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS).
IF MOLYVIATIS HIMSELF IS NOT AVAILABLE, HE MIGHT WISH TO DESIGNATE
SOMEBODY ELSE TO RECEIVE THE BRIEFING FOR HIM.

4. WARM REGARDS.
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